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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**INDIANAPOLIS MAN CHARGED WITH
ARMED BANK ROBBERY**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that LELAND J. CORNELOUS, 38, Indianapolis, Indiana, was indicted late yesterday by a federal grand jury sitting in Indianapolis for armed bank robbery and using a firearm during the commission of a violent offense, following an investigation by the Marion County Sheriff's Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The indictment alleges two charges relating to a bank robbery that occurred at an Indianapolis area Fifth Third Bank branch on February 14, 2004. The first charge alleges that CORNELOUS took money by force, violence, and intimidation from the Fifth Third Bank

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located at 8301 N. Michigan Rd., in Indianapolis, Indiana, on February 14, 2004. The second charge alleges that CORNELOUS carried and brandished a firearm during the bank robbery which is considered a crime of violence that can be prosecuted in federal court. The indictment also notifies CORNELOUS that proceeds from the robbery can be forfeited.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Gayle L. Helart, who is prosecuting the case for the government, CORNELOUS faces a maximum possible prison sentence of up to 25 years for the armed bank robbery charge. On the firearm charge, CORNELOUS faces a possible prison sentence of not less than 25 years and a maximum of life. On each charge, CORNELOUS faces a fine of up to \$250,000. An initial hearing will be scheduled before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Indianapolis.

The indictment is an allegation only, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.

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